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Graham County School News



Graham County School Superintendent

Donna M. McGaughey

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Superintendent's Message

Other than a few problems with utility wires and heavy rains, our schools got off to a great start. I had the privilege of attending the ribbon cutting at Graham County's newest school; Mt. Turnbull Elementary School located at the foot of Mt. Turnbull in Bylas. The Fort Thomas School District Governing Board, Superintendent Shane Hawkins and Principal Marthalene Talkalai should be very proud of the beautiful campus. All of the district employees pitched in to make the opening day a great success.

I also enjoyed the opening meetings at Safford and Solomon where I was able to meet some of the 54+ new teachers in our county!

Another privilege was presenting checks on behalf of Freeport-McMoRan's Community Investment Fund. The recipients of these grant awards met the criteria of working toward the betterment of our community. Thanks to FMI for their financial commitment and congratulations to the grantees!

I spent most of a week with my fellow county school superintendents at our annual meeting. We partner with several other educational advocacy groups to craft legislation and strategies to protect and enhance education in our counties.

We've already begun our professional development activities for the year. The Graham/Greenlee administrators met to discuss new math training opportunities and our middle and high school educators enjoyed science/social studies/economics training provided by the U of A and hosted by EAC's Discovery Park. We are off to a great start!

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Dates to Remember:

Sept. 7—Labor Day (The Graham County General Services Building will be closed.)

Sept. 9-11—Arizona School Boards Association Law Conference— Scottsdale

Sept. 12—Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fundraiser in Solomon begins at 4:00 p.m.

Sept. 17—U of A Economics Workshop for middle and high school teachers (see page 6 for details)

Sept. 22—Graham/Greenlee Substance Abuse Conference (see page 7 for details)

Sept. 29—ASBA County meeting at SUSD

Oct. 6—Graham/Greenlee Early Childhood Coalition 4:00 Graham Co. General Services Bldg.

Oct. 8-11—Graham County Fair "It's a Hidden Treasure."

Legendary Teacher Day—September 24, 2015

What is it? – *Legendary Teacher Day is intended as a day of tribute to that Teacher or Teachers who impacted your learning in a positive and significant manner*

When is it? – *It takes place on the fourth Thursday of September –*

This year, Legendary Teacher Day is Thursday, September 24th 2015.

Who may participate? – *ANYONE who has ever been positively influenced by a Teacher ANYWHERE.*

Does it cost anything ? – *No!*

How do I participate? – *Simply identify your Legendary Teacher and contact them with a ‘thank you’ for the positive influence that they had on your education.*

How do I share the information about Legendary Teacher Day ? – *Facebook and Twitter are fast and easy. Share this link - <http://legendaryteacher.com/legendary-teacher-day/> Be sure to ‘like’ the Facebook page and the twitter account posted at the top of the home page.*

What if I am unable to locate or contact my Legendary Teacher? – *Post a tribute on Facebook or send a tweet and include #teachlegendary*

Where may I learn more about Legendary Teacher Day? - *Visit www.legendaryteacher.com*

How do I encourage my school to participate? – *Speak to your Principal, PTO / PTA, Super-intendent, Head of School or Headmaster and direct them to <http://legendaryteacher.com/legendary-teacher-day/>*

How do I encourage my employer to participate in Legendary Teacher Day? – *Direct them to the generic resolution on the website <http://legendaryteacher.com/legendary-teacher-day/> which they will fill out, declare and share with all employees.*

Are Cities and Towns eligible to participate? – *Yes! Currently the City of Tucson, Arizona and the Town of Flagstaff, Arizona will be declaring the resolution. Send the resolution to the leadership of your municipality and ask for their participation.*

My employer group / club is participating. How do I have them recognized? –

Have them post a link to on their website to www.legendaryteacher.com and they will be formally listed as a supporter.

Dr. Nicholas Clement was the keynote speaker at our 2015 Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy (SEATA). He started the "Legendary Teacher" recognition project. We carried this theme through to the last session of SEATA where we asked the participants to remember those teachers in their lives who made an impact on them. Here is one of those letters:

Mrs. Carrell—4th grade, Lafe Nelson School &

Deanna Crisler—3rd grade, Lafe Nelson School

When my son was in 4th grade, he was a pill, and I was a class mom to help make up for it. :)

I loved watching Cheryl Carrell teach as I pulled small groups together to assess their multiplication, or telling time, or whatever skills they were working on.

Not only did I realize then that I loved teaching, but I saw how much fun the kids could have. It was her last year, since she was retiring, but she was as enthusiastic as if it was her first year.

Because of her, and Deanna Crisler, whom I also watched, for the same reasons, that I spent years taking one class at a time until I finally became a teacher.

Jennine Wood

Please participate in "Legendary Teacher Day" by letting those important people in your life know what they meant to you! My list of legendary teachers includes my parents, Ronald and Carol McEuen; my grandparents Carl and Lois Bowman and Louie and Mildred Long. I believe every single one of my school teachers had a huge impact on me, because I have so many vivid memories of school. I want to thank my Girl Scout leaders, my softball coaches and my 4-H leaders as well.

Thank you for helping me become the person I am today. DM

**SEPTEMBER
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**HERMANOS
VALENCIA**
4:00-5:30PM



**NIGHT OUT
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**LOCATION:
AMERICAN LEGION
POST #95
SOLOMON, ARIZONA**

BENEFITTING THE
**GRAHAM COUNTY HISPANIC FAMILY HERITAGE
& SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

\$5 ADULT \$2 KIDS. INCLUDES ENTERTAINMENT, RIDES & GAMES. FOOD NOT INCLUDED. KIDS 5 AND UNDER FREE



**MARIACHI
SONIDO DE
MEXICO
TUCSON**
6:00 - 8:00PM

**4:00PM
OPEN**

8:00PM - MIDNIGHT

**DANCE
W/ GRUPO
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**VENDORS, FOOD, GAMES FOR KIDS
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
MARIACHIS THROUGHOUT THE EVENING**



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New Scholarship Available for Graham County Students!

All Graham County graduating seniors and students enrolled in college have another opportunity to apply for a scholarship to further their education. The Graham County Hispanic Family Heritage and Scholarship Fund was formed to honor our county's early families of Hispanic origin and to provide educational opportunities to our students.

The inaugural fundraising event will take place on Saturday September 12, 2015 at the American Legion Post #95 in Solomonville. Families are encouraged to come out and enjoy dozens of activities, music, food and fun!

Games!

Obstacle Course 80' Turbo Rush
Hamster Balls
Bungee Run
Joust Arena
Velcro Wall
Single Lane Slide
Modular Combo
Trackless Train

Vendors!

Our Lady of Guadalupe—burros
La Paloma—burros
St. Martin de Porras—tamales
American Legion Post #95 Women's Aux.— menudo
Gila Valley Rotary Club—hamburgers, hot dogs
Coca Cola—drinks

Raffles!

McDougal's Caldwell Funeral Home—granite monument
Cricket—Sonata Android Smartphone
Benefit Intelligence raffles—TBA

Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 6 for \$20.00 All proceeds go to the scholarship fund.

For tickets contact the City of Safford:

Pam Frost—928-432-4143

Julie Bryce—928-432-4062

Sally Holguin—928-432-4154



**Professional Development Workshop
ECONOMICS in CIVICS and GOVERNMENT
For Social Studies Strands 3 & 5**

Thursday, September 17, 2015

Graham County General Services Building

921 Thatcher Blvd. Safford, Arizona

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

This half-day workshop will examine the economics hidden in the Social Studies lessons you are already teaching, and help you fulfill the requirements of Arizona Social Studies Strands for civics, government and economics.

Discover how economic principles shape human behavior and how government uses tax policy to change our behavior; how economic conditions shape election outcomes; the economics behind the national budget and debt debate. Learn economic tools that address public policy decision-making. Find out what economic engines are constitutionally embedded in our government.

Presenters will use participatory problem-solving lessons you can replicate in the Social Studies classroom to help students make essential connections between economics, civics and government structures and functions. They are memorable for students, and fun to teach!

**Ideal for all middle and high school teachers of
Social Studies, History, Government, Civics, and Economics.**

Workshop participants will receive:

Economic content as it applies to social studies, civics, and government

Assorted worksheets and activities you can replicate in your classroom;

A certificate for 4.0 professional development hours;

A resource book "Understanding Economics in Civics and Government" with 20 additional lessons and refreshments!

All at NO COST!

REGISTER ONLINE at

<https://econ.arizona.edu/econ-civics-graham-greenlee-counties-safford-thursday-morning-september-17-2015>

Questions? Contact Mark Sammons

520-621-3495 or SammonsM@email.arizona.edu

This workshop is a joint offering of the University of Arizona Office of Economic Education, the Offices of the Superintendents of Graham and Greenlee County Schools, with funding from the Thomas R. Brown Foundation.



10th Annual Graham and Greenlee Substance Abuse Awareness Conference 2015

Eastern Arizona College Activities Center

September 22, 2015



Keynote speaker:

Join us as we welcome Special Agent in Charge Douglas Coleman from the Drug Enforcement Agency



Lunch Presenter:

Join us as we welcome Arizona Speaker of the House David Gowan Sr.

Sponsored By:

**Graham County*

Substance Abuse Coalition

**Greenlee County*

Substance Abuse Coalition

**South Eastern Arizona*

Behavioral Health Services

**Freeport McMoRan*

***Cenpatico of Arizona*

Schedule of Events: *(Registration 8:00—9:00 a.m.)*

Welcome 9:00 -9:20

Blessing Ms. Indian Fort Thomas 9:15-9:20

Keynote Speaker Douglas Coleman, Special Agent in Charge DEA 9:25-10:00

Shane Watson, Not My Kid Substance Abuse Prevention for Children and Teens 10:15-11:15

Joe Ramirez, Marcos Moreno Alcohol 11:20-12:00 pm

Lunch 12:00-1:00 pm

David Gowan Sr., Arizona Speaker of the House 12:10-1:00

Officer Eric Ellison, Department of Public Safety Drug Awareness 1:15- 2:00

Erica Manser, Assistant Attorney General—E-Cigarettes 2:05 - 2:50

Chris Smith, Motivational Speaker 3:00 - 4:00

Closing and Certificates 4:00 - 4:30

Register by Tuesday September 15, 2015!

Cost is \$25.00 with lunch provided.

Contact Heather Carr, Program Coordinator at 928-348-1756 or visit the website:

<https://gcsac.com>

An Invitation....

Graham/Greenlee Early Childhood Coa- lition

Start Early. Finish

Open the door between early childhood and primary grades by joining us for another gathering in our series of coalition collaborations.

Tuesday October 6, 2015

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

**General Services Building
Assembly Room**



Topic: *Transition – Birth through 3rd Grade*

Learn more about how early childhood agencies, preschool programs, parents and schools can work together.

Come and join the fun! The Graham/Greenlee Early Childhood Coalition is open to all early childhood providers/directors and K-3 teachers/administrators! Please spread the word.

Register by contacting Paulette LeBlanc at pleblanc@aznexus.net by Friday October 2, 2015.

*The Graham/Greenlee Early Childhood Coalition is sponsored by:
Donna McGaughey, Graham County School Superintendent
Tom Powers, Greenlee County School Superintendent
JoAnn Morales, EAC Early Childhood Instructor*





Teachers!

The Graham County Fair is coming up! The Fair Director has streamlined the process for getting class and individual entries ready for display.

Information on how to get tags ordered, dropped off and picked back up are on the following page.

This is an excellent opportunity for our students to shine!

Parade Information

Friday October 9, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Theme: It's a Hidden Treasure (Ideas: Pirate, Buried Treasure, Shipwrecked, anything considered a "Treasure")

Entry Blank Deadline: Friday October 1, 2015

**Return Entry Blank to:
Fair Office**

527 E. Armory Rd. Safford or fax to 928-348-0023 or

Email to fair@graham.az.gov

(see page 10 for an entry form)

\$200 prize to the best Elementary and Jr. High Floats

(Last year there were no elementary parade entry entries...\$200 went unclaimed!)

Please visit www.grahamcountyfair.com to see the fair book, schedule of events, rules, etc.

Graham County Fair Information!

Thursday, September 17th

Drop off Entry Tags

Solomon Elementary
Dorothy Stinson
Lafe Nelson
Ruth Powell
Triumphant Learning Center
Thatcher Elementary
Thatcher Primary
Pima Elementary
Dan Hinton
Ft. Thomas Elementary
Discovery Plus Academy
Bonita Elementary

Wednesday, September 30th

PICK UP Fair Entries

Please coordinate with front desk so they have entries or know where to send me.

Solomon Elementary
Dorothy Stinson
Lafe Nelson
Ruth Powell
Triumphant Learning Center
Thatcher Elementary
Thatcher Primary
Pima Elementary
Dan Hinton
Ft. Thomas Elementary
Discovery Plus Academy
Bonita Elementary

This year I will drop off 350 entry tickets at each school – I will leave it to the teachers to get the tags from the front desk. If you would like to request a specific number of entry tags in addition to the 350 for the school please email me your name, number of tags and school so I can coordinate these on drop off. If needed, more tags can be requested by email. (Annette Watson)

Monday, October 5th – Building # 2 will be Open Noon – 5 PM for Class Displays to be put up, call 428-7180 to reserve a space, otherwise spaces are first come, first served basis.

*(Class displays do NOT need an entry form;
only individual student entries need a form.)*

I will need a total individual entry count from each teacher/class with entries so I can leave the correct number of student ticket vouchers for Friday, October 9th of the Fair.

Email any questions to me at awatson@graham.az.gov

PARADE ENTRY FORM

2015 Graham County Fair "It's a Hidden Treasure"

Entry Blank Deadline: FRIDAY, October 1, 2015

Ideas for parade theme: Pirate, buried treasure, shipwrecked, things considered
"Treasures" by group or organization

Sponsor: _____

Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

TYPE OF ENTRY (choose all that apply)

_____ Do NOT judge Description: _____

_____ Mounted Unit Organization: _____

_____ Float/GC School Class & School: _____

_____ Float Organization: _____

_____ Motor Vehicle Describe: _____

_____ Elected Official Name/Title: _____

Sound Level of Entry ___none ___low ___med ___high

*****Parade Announcer's Entry Info*****

(Office use - ENTRY #_____)

Tell us something about the organization:

Notes/those responsible etc.:

All entries returned to the Fair Office, 527 E. Armory Rd. Safford

Invitation to Participate



Calling all Bulldogs!

Safford High School is turning 100 years old this year. On Oct. 16-17th, all Bulldog alumni are invited to celebrate this milestone.

Friday Oct. 16—Memorabilia Room in the SHS small gym—no charge

BBQ Dinner—\$10 per plate

Homecoming Football Game—pay at the gate

Saturday Oct. 17—Memorabilia Room open—no charge

Parade down Main Street—all classes invited—no charge

Pep Assembly in the Norma Bellamy Gym—no charge

Alumni Concert—Talent Show in the David M. Player Center for the Arts—
\$5 at the door

Saturday Night on Main Street!

(Enjoy the Harvest Festival during the day!)

Car show * Music * Vendors * Downtown Merchants open

Visit shsalumni.org

to register and to see the complete list of events.

Help us spread the word!

Sponsored by the Safford High School Scholarship Foundation

United Way Grant brings Autism Training to Graham County Educators

Autism, an extremely complex neurological disorder, occurs in 1 out of 100 children, but educators often have little or no tools to teach these challenging students. Schools and parents experience frustration and failure because of their inability to understand and teach children with autism; they don't know how to reach them.

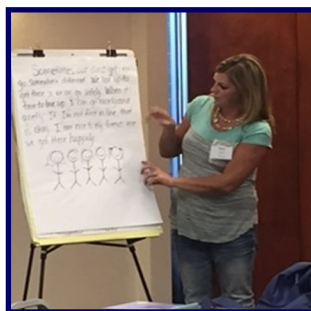
On July 15-17th, 36 educators from Graham County gathered at the General Services Building for a training on autism. Lisa James, Superintendent of Dan Hinton School wrote and received \$16,500 from a United Way grant to bring trainers from Arizona Education Cadre to the Gila Valley. The workshop, referred to as The Structured Teach Model, is based upon the TEACCH model from Chapel Hill, North Carolina, using evidence-based strategies to create a framework for program service delivery. The intensive three-day sessions focused on understanding the characteristics of autism, classroom structure, communication, social, and play skills as well as problem solving behavior. Three trainers, Joanne Phillips, Svany Svavars Kristjansson, and Ruth Fuller, were present for the training, and between them, they have over 100 years experience working with children and adults with autism.

The seminar increased the understanding of children with autism and provided suggestions for classroom set-up, teaching interventions and behavior management strategies to enable greater success in school. Laura Brooks, special education teacher at Dan Hinton School said, "This training has been the most useful I have found in twelve years of teaching. Svany is a walking, talking expert and reference on all things autism." Sandy Rivera, paraprofessional at Dan Hinton School highly recommends the training to anyone who works with students with autism. "The conference was very insightful, to learn to take ourselves out of some interactions using items such as whiteboards, pictures and symbols have made the start of this school year beneficial for everyone," said Mariana Way, certified occupational therapy assistant from A Therapy RX.

Last week, Svany returned to Dan Hinton School and Pima Elementary School to assist staff members in setting up classrooms to enhance the teaching and learning of students with autism. The follow-up and support from the Arizona Education Cadre will be an invaluable resource for everyone involved with this educational opportunity. The three-day training is typically provided at different locations in the greater Phoenix area, but bringing the training to Graham County, where numerous colleagues from different school districts could learn and share together was phenomenal.



United Way check presentation – Donna McGaughey – Graham County School Superintendent, Amelia Sainz and Tom Blake from United Way, Lisa James – Superintendent of Dan Hinton School, Darla Hansen and Anita Shurtz from United Way.



Betsy Curtis, paraprofessional at Pima Elementary School explains a social story to the group.



Laura Brooks and Sandy Rivera from Dan Hinton School find materials for a hands-on project during the workshop.



State of Arizona
Arizona Geological Survey



Re: [GREAT ARIZONA SHAKEOUT](#) Oct. 15, 2015

The Great Arizona ShakeOut earthquake preparedness drill of 2014 engaged more than 124,000 Arizonans. So far in 2015, enrollment for ShakeOut on October 15 is approaching 60,000; and we have 73 days to go.

We are once again inviting Arizona's K-12 education community, community colleges and universities to join us in hosting this event – see the *“What can you do to help?”* section below. *(Last year, more than 81,000 children and teachers participated.)*

This year, the Great Arizona ShakeOut is scheduled for 10:15 a.m. on Oct. 15th. We invite you to join us – the Arizona Geological Survey (AZGS) and Arizona Dept. of Emergency & Military Affairs (DEMA) – and please invite neighboring K-12 schools to, “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” for ShakeOut.

Our goal this year is to engage as many as 140,000 people in the two-minute drill. With nearly 60,000 Arizonans already enrolled, we are off to a smashing start. Participation in ShakeOut is free and open to the public.

While communities in Coconino, Mohave, Yavapai and Yuma counties are perhaps at greatest risk for earthquakes, no community is invulnerable to the ground shaking and damage that accompanies moderate to large magnitude earthquakes.

In 2014, earthquakes and subsequent aftershocks near Duncan (M 5.3, 29 June) and Sedona (M 4.7, 30 Nov.) rattled and surprised residents in central and eastern Arizona, including Tucson, Phoenix, and Flagstaff. Proving once again that earthquakes occur in Arizona and more reason to prepare for the ground shaking that accompanies a moderate to large tremor. Earthquake faults in Arizona, surrounding states and Mexico are capable of damaging earthquakes up to a magnitude 7.5.

The ShakeOut drill is a simple three-step exercise with the potential to save lives and minimize injuries from earthquakes.

Drop, Cover, and Hold On involves:

- * **Drop** to the ground; * **Take Cover** under a sturdy table or desk and protect your head and neck;
- * **Hold On** until the shaking stops.

What can Arizona educators do to help?

Link to the Arizona ShakeOut webpage at www.shakeout.org/arizona; Sign up your school to participate, and encourage others to do the same Display [Arizona Shakeout materials](#) around your office and website

Forward this note to your school district and individual schools and encourage them to participate.

The Great Arizona Shakeout is our state's opportunity to practice what to do *before an earthquake occurs*. This two-minute drill can minimize injuries and save lives.

To register for ShakeOut, go to the online [registration page](#) and pledge your organization's participation. Once registered, you will receive information on how to plan your drill, and engage your office, friends, family and associates. We will stay in touch as the event draws closer. In the meantime, if you have ideas on audiences we should be reaching out to, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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Grandparents Sometimes Need Advice, Too

When many of us think of grandparents, we see doting individuals ready to give advice and spoil kids. But, for an ever-increasing number of Americans, having a grandchild means parenting a second time around.

According to the policy group Generations United:

2.7 million grandparents are responsible for most of the basic needs of children living with them; 1 in 4 grandparents help pay for their grandchildren's medical or dental expenses; and, 30% of children under 5 with working mothers are cared for on a regular basis by a grandparent.

A lot has changed since many grandparents raised their children. Brain science has demonstrated the crucial impact of early interactions on the future health and school success of young kids. And, books, magazines and television shows offer advice on everything from educational toys to finding the right play group. Making sense of all this can be a little intimidating.

Thankfully, in Arizona, there are two statewide resources to help grandparents and other caregivers of children 5 and younger. One is the **Arizona Parent Kit**. Given to families of newborns when they leave the hospital or available for check-out at many libraries, each kit includes: DVDs on everything from challenging behaviors to choosing child care; a book to encourage daily reading with infants; a list of community resources; and, a magnet with the number to another valuable resource – the **Birth to 5 Helpline**.

Answers to the toughest parenting questions are, literally, at caregivers' fingertips. The Helpline is a free telephone service (1-877-705-KIDS) available to any parent or caregiver of a child 5 and younger. The line is staffed by nurses, child development specialists and other early childhood professionals who can answer questions about any parenting issue or challenge.

Additional support may also be available through local community centers and school districts, as more and more organizations recognize this special group of parents.

As the nation celebrates Grandparents' Day on September 13th, let's give thanks to the special group of grandparents who have also taken on the role of giving their grandchildren the most foundational gift of all: a safe, nurturing place in which to grow and learn.



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GILA VALLEY COWBOY POETRY & MUSIC GATHERING

October 24—25, 2015

Student Cowboy Poetry & Western Art Program

Attention all Teachers of 5-6 Grade Students
Seeking Participants within the Graham County area

Gila Valley Cowboy Poets, Inc. and the Art Guild of Eastern Arizona:
Invite YOU to Encourage Your students to participate in the

School Kids Cowboy Poetry Writing

&

Western Art Program

Every Student is Welcome to Enter Either or Both Categories

Theme for 2015

ROPE BURNS AND BLISTERS"



Information

An informational packet will be delivered to the schools and to the Graham County School Superintendent's Office located in the General Services Building.

If this does not become a class project, please encourage any interested student to submit a poem and/or art entry. All dates and deadlines will apply.

*Thank you for your willingness to encourage our kids in the arts!**

Poetry Contact:

Bunny Dryden
928-965-3377

Art Contact:

Maggie Pollen Bryce
928-792-4283

SAFFORD CITY GRAHAM COUNTY LIBRARY



808 S. Seventh Ave.
Safford, AZ 85546
(928) 432-4165

The Safford City / Graham County Library offers services beyond checking out books. The Graham County School Superintendent has partnered with the library to offer homework help for students from kindergarten through college. **It's free to Graham County students.** Visit the library's homepage at www.cityofsafford.us and click on the *Homework Help* icon. This will lead you to the icon for **Tutor.com**. "Check out" this free tool and get help on any subject.

Citizens looking for help with finding a job should take advantage of the services offered by Job Skills Instructor, Kevin Hansen. Mr. Hansen offers help in finding jobs and preparing resumes. Additionally, he will help coach job seekers as they practice their interview skills. This is a great service!

The library has partnered with *First Things First* to enhance literacy skills in our youngest population. In addition to story time, parents can bring their children to the Brain Box sessions and other preschool activities scheduled throughout the year. The library has secured a grant from First Things First to fund the Imagination Library Book Club. Children ages birth through five can be signed up to receive a free, age-appropriate book in the mail each month. These are just a few of the wonderful things families can explore due to the partnerships formed by the library.

Visit the Safford City / Graham County Library in person or online!



The Safford City—Graham County Library has partnered with the Arizona State Library to bring a fabulous FREE database of eBooks to our students!

Visit www.saffordlibrary.org

On the left side of the screen, click on "TumbleBooks / eBooks for Kids

"Check out" the titles, which now include non-fiction!

The books are indexed by reading levels, grade, and lexile.

Take advantage of this valuable opportunity—it's free!

Visit the Gift Shop!

Safford City / Graham County Library

808 S. Seventh Ave.

Safford, AZ 85546 928-432-4165

Hours: Mon.—Thursday 10:00 a.m. —7:00 p.m. Closed Friday—Sunday



Speaking of wonderful resources...

You Can Take Free Online Courses with Universal Class

Interested in learning new crafts and hobbies? Looking to go from amateur to pro photography? Starting a business and would like to know more about entrepreneurship? The library has you covered! Go to the library's website at www.saffordlibrary.org and sign up to take free courses with Universal Class.

Universal Class offers a diverse catalog of lifelong learning courses online including:

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| Accounting, Career Training, Office Skills | Real Estate and Entrepreneurship. |
| Cooking, Crafts and Hobbies. | Fine Arts and Photography. |
| Performing Arts. | Parenting and Family. |
| Alternative Medicine, Self-Help. | Personal Care. |
| Computer Training. | Web Development. |
| Pet and Animal Care. | Home Gardening, Repair and DIY. |
| Psychology. | History. |
| Religious and Spiritual Studies. | Science. |
| General Education. | Special Education. |
| Homeschooling. | Teacher Resources. |
| Test Preparation. | Social Work. |
| Language Arts. | Terminology. |
| Math and Writing Skills. | Law, Legal and Criminal.and more! |

Go through each full course to earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and certificates! Some courses even offer Video Mode for those wanting to simply audit courses. Remember to log in with your full library card number (ex: P41256) when first signing up.

LEARN LANGUAGES FOR FREE WITH MANGO LANGUAGES

Choose from over 70 languages to learn for FREE! Spanish, French, Chinese, Japanese, ESL (Inglés) and much more!! Easy to use and self-paced, with audio, video and vocabulary to help you learn at your own comfort. Register for your own free personal profile or click QUICK START below to get started right away! Remember to sign in with your library card number (ex: 41256) when you first register.

MANGO MONDAYS - EVERY MONDAY Beginning August 3rd

Sign up anytime during the month of August for Mango Languages on the library's website at www.saffordlibrary.org and be entered in a raffle to win fun door prizes every Monday! Be sure to either fill out a ticket at the front desk or message us on Facebook at fb.com/saffordlibrary so we can enter you in. Door prizes will be drawn every Monday at 4 PM.

Free Distance Learning Programs Available from the Phoenix Zoo

Thanks to generous funding from APS Foundation we are able to offer free distance learning programs that broadcast into your classroom. **Phoenix Zoo Distance Learning** broadcasts include live animals, engaging and inquiry-based activities that are designed to complement classroom Academic Standards. The only technology you need to receive a program from us is internet access, a projector and computer, and speakers for sound. We also do have limited funds to help with renting technology, as needed. For more information visit on our programs visit <http://phoenixzoo.org/camps-programs/outreach/>. For questions regarding the scholarships or to book a program call our Reservations Department at 602.914.4333.

Free E-Rate Consultant Services

Milan Eaton is the new "State E-Rate Coordinator for Schools" in Arizona. His goal is for every school in the state to receive a fair share of E-Rate funds through the USAC (Universal Services Administration Company). During the month of January, he plans to visit every county in the state to offer assistance with the Schools/Districts in the area. The Federal Communications Commission has recently updated its E-rate program to focus on expanding Wi-Fi networks in schools, especially small, rural schools. Mr. Eaton invites all schools and districts to visit the State E-Rate Website and join the E-Rate mailing list. His website address is: <http://www.azed.gov/erate/2014/09/10/join-our-e-rate-email-list/>

Mr. Eaton can also be reached at: Arizona Department of Education Information Technology
602-542-3595 milan.eaton@azed.gov



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Dear Educators,

The EAC Discovery Park Campus is available to help you have a fun, safe, and educational Science related field trip, and best of all ...there's no cost! Field trips are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the school year for all grade levels. Please call for more information or to schedule an awesome field trip for your students!



Hurry! Field trip dates are filling fast!!



EAC Discovery Park staff offer exciting field trip opportunities with lessons available in two subjects areas;

Native Habitat (plants and animals), and Astronomy

The Discovery Park staff instructors and our wonderful community volunteers who share their love of nature and astronomy are here to help you.

EAC Discovery Park offers a variety of educational opportunities not found anywhere else!

*Graham County Historical Society's collection of early Gila Valley artifacts.
Amazing interactive Electromagnetic spectrum display.*

*Our friends Galileo, Isaac Newton, and Albert Einstein show us the
"History of Astronomy".*

*The World's largest permanently mounted "Camera Obscura" -
light, refraction, and perspective.*

The DPC research-grade 20" Tinsley Telescope in the "Gov Aker" Observatory.

*"Nature's Hideaway" Pond- see native animals in a natural
Sonoran Desert Riparian Habitat.*

The endangered Chiricahua Leopard Frog Ranarium Breeding program.

"Mill's Collection" of Pre-Historic Native American Pottery

And the exciting "Polaris" shuttle ride simulator for facts about our Solar System!

**Contact Jackie at the EAC Discovery Park Campus
for more information or to schedule a field trip:
(928)428-6260 or e-mail: jackie.madsen@eac.edu**

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Back to School PD, Lesson Plans, Webinars, and Sweepstakes

Jump-start the school year with PBS LearningMedia! We've bundled up everything you need for the back to school season including free PD resources, lesson plans, and a webinar series you won't want to miss.

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RECOMMENDED RESOURCES



Back to School Resources

These activities, lesson plans, and videos offer you a creative "hook" to get students engaged with key concepts and rev up classroom conversations.

Grades PreK-12 | [See the Collection](#)



Transformative Teachers

Discover a powerful new collection of resources designed to help students develop core values like empathy, forgiveness, and self-acceptance. The collection includes videos, lesson plans, and supplemental resources.

Grades 5-8, 13+ | [See the Collection](#)



School Leadership in Action

Whether you are an aspiring or veteran principal, you can use these videos and discussion guides to frame a dialogue about leadership practices and school improvement at your school.

Grades 13+ | [See the Collection](#)

Welcome! These new teachers in Graham County were inadvertently left off the list last month, or weren't known at the time of publication. Have a great year!

Thatcher

Rhonda Feher	2 nd grade
Sarah Mack	Kindergarten
Keri Reidhead	Title I Reading
Stacy Connor	3 rd grade
Melissa Terry	3 rd grade
Katie McMullin	Math
Kathy Hoeft	English

Discovery Plus Academy

Kelli Wasson—Kindergarten
Diane Thornton—4th grade



Arizona Science Teachers Association



Teacher-leaders are essential change agents of reform that help provide teachers knowledge of content and pedagogy that supports inquiry-based learning. The impact of teacher-leaders is critical as they serve many roles in improving science teaching and learning. Among these critical roles, ASTA's Teacher Leadership Program (TLP) will focus on the role of teacher-leaders as mentor to address the needs of novice teachers.

Teaming science teacher-leaders in a mentor role with novice teachers as they clarify their role about what it means to teach science. Novice science teachers have a variety of needs, such as curriculum alignment, classroom management, pedagogy including use of technology and interviewing for a teaching position. Research shows that new teachers are not staying in the profession due to a variety of issues, one being that they don't feel connected with other teachers. By providing a formal structure where novice teachers can feel connected with teacher-leader, ASTA, and the science education community, the degree of which they feel disconnect will be lessened and retention of teachers will increase.

ASTA accepts applications from novice and veteran teachers during the months of July - September. Click here to view an [application](#) and for a [brochure](#).

Sara Torres

ASTA Executive Director

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www.azsta.org

Resources

10 Great STEM Resources (source: *Tech and Learning* May 2015)

Check out these “stemtastic” sites identified by educator and consultant Michael Gorman:

1. **Science Buddies** features over 1,000 project ideas, science activities for quick exploration, and lots of inspiration for science fun.
2. **Algodoo** is an amazing free program that encourages user to be creative and play with physics. Make anything you can dream up and make it do anything you want.
3. **Code Academy**’s mission is to teach the world how to code, for free. Their resources include teacher training and lesson plans.
4. **Maker Camp** is a free summer camp where kids ages 13-18 can make awesome projects, go on epic virtual “field trips,” and meet the world’s coolest makers.
5. **EchoEarth** utilizes service-learning and rich online resources to equip youth to identify and solve environmental challenges in their communities.
6. **Graphite** makes it easier for educators to find the best apps, games, and Web sites for the classroom.
7. **Popplet** helps students think and learn visually and conceptually as they capture facts, thoughts, and images and learn to create relationships between them.
8. **AAS**—The American Astronomical Society offers a wealth of STEM information on the study of the universe and resources to enrich the STEM classroom.
9. **STEM Education Coalition** works aggressively to raise awareness about STEM education and offers many ideas, facts research, and resources.
10. **EDpuzzle** enables you to find and customize any video (crop it and add notes, questions, voice overs) for use in your class.

“Fredisms”

from Fred Jones’ *Positive Classroom Discipline* and *Positive Classroom Instruction*

“The purpose of room arrangement is to get from any student to any other students with the fewest steps.”

“The students’ first question is, ‘Who are you?’ Until they know that you care, they don’t care what you know.”

“Say what you mean and mean what you say. If you ever make a rule that you fail to enforce, you have taught your class that your rules are hot air.”

“Calm is strength. Upset is weakness.”

“You have to give good things in order to get good things.”

“Teaching is never more difficult than taking the student forward one step at a time.”

“Better ten lessons learned than a hundred forgotten.”

“Walk, don’t talk. Move the body, not the mouth.” *fredjones.com*

Grant Opportunities for Teachers from the United Way of Graham County

A new grant opportunity for Graham County teachers is now available! Please follow these steps:

1. Visit www.uwgraham.com
2. Click on “How to Apply”
3. Click on the 2015 Grant Funding Guidelines to read about the United Way’s programs and funding priorities.
4. Click on the UWGC-EducationApplication-2015

Please note that applications will be accepted and reviewed every month except December. Complete and eligible applications received by the 1st of the month will be reviewed and a decision will be made and communicated that same month.

Please submit your complete application packet to uwgraham@gmail.com.

About the United Way

The United Way of Graham County is an all-volunteer organization that provides grant support to nonprofit organizations in southeastern Arizona. We serve Graham and Greenlee counties, providing funding support for causes in Education, Income and Health.

Our mission: to advance the common good by focusing on quality of life, health and education—the building blocks of a good life.

**Have you written your
grant yet?**

Dozens of projects have been funded! For assistance with your grant, please contact Paulette LeBlanc at pleblanc@aznexus.net



Grant Funding Alerts

It's never too early to start working on a grant!

Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Grants

Mini-Grants for Education Application Window: May 1st –Oct. 1st

Please visit www.freeportinmycommunity.com

Grants in the range of \$100—\$500 a school is eligible to receive up to four mini-grants per year. Additional grant opportunities are available including the STEM Education grant. Graham County received nearly \$500,000 in the recent round of Community Investment Fund grant awards held in August. Thank you Freeport-McMoRan!

Kinder Morgan Foundation K-12 Education, Environmental Education, Arts, and Youth Development Grants

Deadline: 10th of every month **Amount:** \$1,000—\$5,000

"The Kinder Morgan Foundation believes that today's youth are tomorrow's leaders, and our mission is to provide them with opportunities to learn and grow. Our goal is to help today's science, math and music students become the engineers, educators and musicians who will support our diverse communities for many years to come."

<http://www.kindermorgan.com/community/>

Sponsor: U.S. General Services Administration

Name: Computers for Learning

Who: Schools and educational nonprofits

Amount: based on need **Cost Share:** None **Deadline:** rolling

Description: Computers for Learning (CFL) program allows schools and educational nonprofits to view and select computer equipment that federal agencies have reported as excess. The CFL program includes making modern computer technology an integral part of every classroom, connecting classrooms to the national infrastructure, providing teachers with the professional development they need to use new technologies effectively, and encouraging the use of innovative educational software.

Link: http://computersforlearning.gov/htm/hp_aboutprogram.htm

Arizona Community Foundation Scholarships

The Arizona Community Foundation is now inviting Arizona high school seniors, current students at colleges and vocational-technical schools and graduate-level students to apply for college scholarship funding available for the 2015-2016 academic year. Completing just one application automatically matches students with every scholarship opportunity for which they qualify from among ACF's 80 awards.

<https://azfoundation.academicworks.com/>

Professional Development Opportunities/ Grant Funding Alerts

Strengthening Secondary Education

Deadline: Open

Amount: \$100,000—\$200,000

Sponsor: Arthur Vining Davis Foundation

Type: Education

Grants are made for innovative professional development programs that strengthen teachers and their teaching in grades 9-12.

<http://www.avdf.org/FoundationsPrograms/SecondaryEducation.aspx>

School Grants Today eMagazine

K-12 Grants, Tips and News

www.schoolgrantstoday.com

D-Backs Program Grants

D-Backs program grants are given statewide to non-profit organizations. Funds for these grants are raised throughout the season through team fundraising events, including the annual Evening on the Diamond benefit dinner, Shirts Off Our D-Backs and additional events. All 501(c) 3 non-profit organization in Arizona are welcome to apply for funding, however, funding must be serving the people of Arizona. The deadline is open and the amount of grant funding available for projects is \$1,000—\$5,000. For more info: <http://arizona.diamondbacks.mlb.com/ari/community/grants.jsp>

Daily Point of Light Award

Deadline: Rolling

The power of the individual to spark change and improve the world—that's what the Daily Point of Light Award celebrates. Nominate a local hero for this award. Recognition includes a certificate signed by President George H.W. Bush.

<http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/recognition>

VEX Robotics

Schools interested in learning more about VEX Robotics and available grants should visit

<http://www.vexrobotics.com>

www.roboticseducation.org www.robotevents.com

Grant Funding Alerts *It's never too early to start working on a grant!*

Name: Annenberg Foundation

Who: Areas of arts, culture and humanities, civic and community, environment, education, and human health and wellness

Amount: \$10,000 - \$100,000

Deadline: Rolling

Link: <http://www.annenbergfoundation.org/grantmaking/how-to-apply>

Name: Arthur Vining Davis Foundations **Who:** Projects for improving teaching

Amount: \$100,000-\$200,000

Deadline: Rolling

Description: Projects may cover a wide range of initiatives intended to improve teaching. For example, projects might be designed to improve professional development for in-service and pre-service teachers, strengthen teaching skills, support practical research in teacher and high school education, or encourage innovative use of technology and new techniques for presentation of classroom materials in high schools

Link: www.avdf.org

Name: Ceres Foundation Grants

Who: For benefit of disadvantaged youth and vulnerable families

Amount: Up to \$240,000

Deadline: Rolling

Description: To expand opportunities for disadvantaged youth and vulnerable families to develop and make full use of their potential, so that they will be able to earn decent livings, enjoy healthy relationships, pursue their ambitions, and participate in their communities.

Link: <http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/ceres/>

Name: JP Morgan Chase Grants

Who: Open for non-profit organizations

Amount: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Description: Create Pathways to Opportunity - a holistic approach to ensure that individuals have access to the knowledge, skills, resources, and capital they need to secure their futures and compete in the global economy.

Link: <http://www.jpmorganchase.com/corporate/Corporate-Responsibility/grant-programs.htm>

Grant Funding Alerts *It's never too early to start working on a grant!*

Youth Program Grants

Deadline: Open

Sponsor: The Entertainment Software Association Foundation

Amount: Varies

Type: Social & Economic, Arts & Culture

The ESA Foundation is dedicated to supporting positive programs and opportunities that make a difference in the lives of America's youth.

<http://www.esafoundation.org/application.asp>

KaBOOM! Spruce Project Grants

Deadline: Rolling

Are you itching to serve? Organize your friends, clean up a playground, and you can become eligible for \$750, courtesy of Dr. Pepper Snapple Group. The grant is part of the Let's Play initiative to get kids and families active.

<http://grants.kaboom.org>

Name: Little Kids Rock Music Professional Development & Equipment Program

Who: Public school districts

Amount: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Description: Teachers receive training & donation of curricula, instruments and other resources so that they can launch Modern Band music programming for students at their schools. Partners with public school districts in some of the nation's most economically disadvantaged communities with the goal of ensuring that all students (K-12) have access to music education and its many benefits. Teachers apply to be trained to use our innovative and transformational methodology. After their training is complete, teachers receive a donation of curricula, instruments and other resources so that they can launch Modern Band music programming for students at their schools

Link: <http://www.littlekidsrock.org/the-program/how-it-works/>

Name: Toyota USA Foundation: STEM Grants

Who: Schools, organizations to improve STEM education

Amount: \$200,000

Deadline: Rolling

Description: To improve k-12 education by supporting innovative programs in the areas of math, science, and environmental science.

Link: <http://toyota.com/about/philanthropy/guidelines/index.html>

Grant Funding Alerts *It's never too early to start working on a grant!*

Sponsor: Major League Baseball and Major League Baseball Players Association

Name: Baseball Tomorrow Fund

Who: Youth programs

Cost Share: None Shown **Amount:** Typically \$50,000-\$100,000

Deadline: Quarterly

Description: To promote and enhance the growth of youth participation in baseball and softball around the world by funding programs, fields, coaches' training, uniforms, and equipment. Grants are intended to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs. Supports projects that meet the following evaluation criteria: increase the number of youth participating in baseball and softball programs; improve the quality of youth baseball and softball programs.

Link: eb.mlbcommunity.org/index.jsp?content=programs&program=baseball_tomorrow_fund

Youth and Community Development Grants

Sponsor: Office Depot Foundation

Deadline: Monthly **Amount:** \$50-\$3,000

Description: The Foundation provides funding to the following program areas: 1. Giving Children Tools for Success—Supporting activities that give young people tools to succeed in the school and in life through education and inspiration. 2. Building Capacity to Serve Communities—Supporting programs that help non-profit organizations to serve the needs of their communities efficiently and effectively. 3. Disaster Preparedness, Relief, Recovery and Rebuilding....

<http://officedepotfoundation.org>

Name: Actuarial Foundation: Advancing Student Achievement (ASA) Grant

Who: To benefit grades 4-12

Amount: \$5,000 **Deadline:** Open

Description: Supports math enhancement programs that bridge the gap between classroom and real world mathematics for grades 4-12 students in U.S. public and private schools. Programs eligible for support may include, but are not limited to, clubs, competitions, before and after school programs, classroom extension periods, etc. Funded programs must impact 20 to 25 students and meet a minimum of one time per month. **Link:**

http://www.actuarialfoundation.org/programs/teachers/what_asa_grant.shtml

Additional Professional Development Opportunities & Lesson Plans

The Eastern Arizona Science Initiative (EASI) group meets again on Wed. Sept. 9th at 4:00 p.m. @ the Discovery Park Campus Ranch House.

All teachers are invited!

EASI Camps and Events Calendar:

September 10th 6pm-9pm & 11th 5pm – 10pm – (AST-127) Telescopes and operating the 20" Telescope in the "Gov Aker" Observatory @ EAC DPC.

Registration for this incredible class is NOW! - Learn about the variety of Telescopes in the world, how they work, and what they are being used for

– including the large Binocular Telescope on Mt Graham!

November 6-7, 2015 – ASTA Conference
"Ready, Set, Explore Science!"

December 5, 2015 - "G.O. Stem" (Girls Only – STEM) @ DPC



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Spring Forward, Fall Back: What Time Is It?

Description: In this lesson, students will learn to use a time zone map to calculate the time in various places in the world.

Author: Dennis Rees

Grade Range: 7

Duration: 2 class periods

[Teacher Instructions](#)

[Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys](#)

[Map – Standard Time Zones of the World](#)

Daylight Saving Time (United States) 2015 began at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 8 and ends at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 1

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